

Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 20 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: independent claim 1.

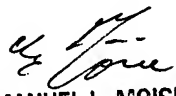
Identification of prior art discussed: Takahashi et al., European Patent App. No. 903901 A2.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants' representatives inquired about how the Examiner is interpreting the Takahashi reference, since it is directed to a load balancing scheme. Examiner's Supervisor asked the Attorney to first clarify where the term "predetermined" is supported in the Specification, where the Attorney pointed out the last paragraph on page 23 to the top of page 24. The Examiner then clarified how Takahashi et al. provide support for claim 1 as amended. Specifically, Takahashi et al. teach that before a request is processed, the loads of each of the clusters/servers is determined and then based on that determination the requests are dispersed to each of the servers/clusters as classified by their load (col. 6, lines 46-58 and par. 24). Examiner will issue a Non-final Office Action to this effect in order to clarify how the references are being interpreted. Applicants will then have an opportunity to amend the claims. Examiner will consider the amendments/arguments when filed. Furthermore, if another interview is necessary (i.e. if the Examiner determines that an interview will further prosecution) when the amendments are filed the Examiner will contact Applicants' representatives.